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From: Johnston, Khanna [Johnston.Khanna@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/21/2018 9:15:16 PM
To: Brennan, Thomas [Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Senate EPW Oversight Hearing Questions for the Record

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From: Brennan, Thomas
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 4:05 PM
To: Johnston, Khanna <Johnston.Khanna@epa.gov>
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From: Johnston, Khanna
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 3:23 PM
To: Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov>
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From: Moody, Christina

Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 12:47 PM

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From: Johnston, Khanna [Johnston.Khanna@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/18/2020 1:03:48 AM
To: Brennan, Thomas [Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: SAB questions on IRIS chemicals

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Khanna Johnston, Deputy Director
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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Thayer, Kris" <thayer.kris@epa.gov>
Date: May 17, 2020 at 7:16:09 PM EDT
To: "Brennan, Thomas" <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>
Cc: "Johnston, Khanna" <Johnston.Khanna@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: SAB questions on IRIS chemicals

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From: Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 8:57 AM
To: Thayer, Kris <thayer.kris@epa.gov>
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Subject: SAB questions on IRIS chemicals

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Thanks,

Tom Brennan
Director, Science Advisory Board Staff Office
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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Message

From: Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/12/2018 1:34:41 PM
To: Brennan, Thomas [Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Moody, Christina [Moody.Christina@epa.gov]; Johnston, Khanna [Johnston.Khanna@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: SEPW QFR assistance

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From: Brennan, Thomas
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 8:43 AM
To: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
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Regards,

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Subject: SEPW QFR assistance

Hi Tom – The agency received QFRs in follow up to the Administrator’s testimony at the end of January. The questions below relate to the SAB and its work. I’m hoping you can help provide answers. Have a look and let me know what you think. Thank you! Robin

1. **ORD:** Under your new policy, you exclude scientists who currently receive EPA grants from serving on EPA scientific advisory committees (link: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-10/documents/final_draft_fac_directive-10.31.2017.pdf).

- a. What is the legal basis for this new directive?
- b. What is your reasoning in exempting tribal, state, and local EPA grant recipients from the directive?
- c. How do you define conflicts of interest within the EPA advisory committees?
- d. Have you consulted with scientific societies, the National Academies, or other independent science organizations about the definition of conflicts of interest?
- e. How will your directive work to ensure that the agency’s advisory committees are able to make objective recommendations based on the best available science?
- f. Can you provide an example of a time when a EPA grant recipient on a federal advisory committee provided “conflicted” advice to the administrator?
- g. Now that your directive has tripled the number of industry scientists on the SAB, how will you ensure that the EPA’s science advice remains independent?

2. **ORD:** The policy excluding scientists does not affect individuals who have industry ties. For example, Dr. Tony Cox received money from American Chemistry Council, American Petroleum Institute, Engine Manufacturers Association, National Mining Association, and many others, yet you selected him to chair the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC). Why are industry-funded individuals with apparent conflicts of interest more qualified to serve in these science committees than independent scientists?

3. **ORD:** You took an unprecedented action and dismissed Dr. Donna Kenski from EPA CASC before her term expired, alleging that Kenski would not qualify under EPA’s problematic new policy. Even so, Dr. Kenski’s employer, the Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium’s EPA grant is routed through the state government, a category is exempted in the new policy. At the same time, Dr. Michael Honeycutt is allowed to chair the Scientific Advisory Board, even though he has received over \$58 million in grants while leading the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Why does the same policy disqualifies Dr. Kenski while allowing Dr. Honeycutt to serve?

4. **ORD:** You pledged repeatedly in front of this committee that since you are a lawyer and a prosecutor, you would defer to your career staff for science advice. Yet you replaced Dr. Kenski with Dr. Larry Wolk, whom according to your staff’s memo, had “no direct experience in health effects of air pollution, epidemiology, toxicology.” On Dr. Tony Cox, your staff raised conflict of interest and appearance of a lack of impartiality issues. Will you commit to follow the recommendations of EPA’s career staff so no one appointed to the EPA’s advisory committees are either unqualified or have conflicts of interests so that the committees can provide you with the best and sound science that you and the agency so desperately need?

5. **ORD:** In your hearing in front of the House Energy & Commerce Committee, you said that EPA has issued \$77 million in grant money to twenty members of the EPA scientific advisory committees. Please provide detailed information behind this statement, including the names of the 20 members, their affiliations, their EPA-funded projects and grant amount.

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